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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and Michael D. Brady for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Hanson in memory of Mary "Gret" Lozeau.

Hanson,—
Lozeau
bridge.

By Mr. McKenna of Webster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna and others relative to the issuance of licenses for firearms.

Firearms
identification.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins relative to the calculation of the pension of Walter L. Guerin; and

Walter Guerin,—
pension.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Mary S. Keefe and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tonita Poston, an employee of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation;

Tonita
Poston,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James F. King, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5146), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

James King,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing James S. Armentrout to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (see House, No. 2383);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing Michael Cheung to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (see House, No. 4815); and

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Billerica to select board (see House, No. 4988);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed Bill establishing the Littleton Common smart sewer district in the town of Littleton (see House, No. 4865), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 5041), was considered.

Littleton,—
sewer
district.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By striking out the first sentence of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, but subject to sections 26 to 53, inclusive, of chapter 21 of the General Laws and section 40 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, the town of Littleton may lay out, construct, maintain and operate a system of common sewers and drains in public or private ways for that part of its territory as it deems necessary for the public convenience or public health with such connections and other works as may be required for a system of sewerage and drainage and sewage treatment and disposal.”

The report was accepted.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5161; and by striking out the title of the bill and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act establishing the Littleton Common smart sewer division in the town of Littleton.”

The further amendments were adopted, thus precluding a vote on the pending amendment.

The bill then was sent to the Senate for its action.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Egremont to seek approval to utilize a portion of French Park to construct a broadband headend (House, No. 4963);

Third
reading
bills.

Creating in the town of Upton the office of appointed treasurer/collector (House, No. 4987);

Authorizing the town of North Attleborough to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 4990); and

Pertaining to liquor licenses in the town of Brookline (House, No. 5067);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eleven minutes before five o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes before five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.